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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO GEORGETOWN, MARTINIQUE
FROM BRIDGETOWN DEC 03:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 2380

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOB

REFS: BRIDGETOWN 2373 AND PREVIOUS

1. THIS MORNING (DEC. 3), I ACCOMPANIED STATE/FBI TEAM
HEADED BY COORDINATOR OF CUBA AFFAIRS GLEYSTEN IN CALL
ON MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HENRY DEB. FORDE. ALSO
PRESENT WERE SOLICITOR GENERAL OLIVER BROWN AND EXTAFF
PERMANENT SEC A.W. SYMMONDS. (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON
THAT PART OF CONVERSATION REGARDING PURPOSE OF TEAM'S
VISIT). IN COURSE OF HOUR-LONG MEETING, FORDE REFERRED
SEVERAL TIMES TO ALLEGED COUP PLOT, TO SYDNEY ALLEYNE
AND TO PERSONS WITH WHOM LATTER HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED AND
PROVIDED CERTAIN INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO
EMBASSY. THIS INFORMATION IS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. FORDE ALLEGED THAT POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND BOXING
PROMOTER ERIC SEALEY WAS INVOLVED IN PLOT AND THAT ALLEYNE
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AND HE HAD MET IN NEW YORK ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS -- "AT ONE

TIME ALMOST DAILY." ALSO, THAT ALLEYNE HAD PAID FORMER BARBADIAN PERMANENT REP TO THE UN CAMERON TUDOR A "RETAINER", IN RETURN FOR WHICH LATTER PROVIDED ALLEYNE WITH POLITICAL INFORMATION AND INTRODUCTION TO USEFUL CONTACTS. FORDE ALSO IDENTIFIED TWO CARIBBEAN GOVTS TO WHICH HE HAD REFERRED IN HIS NOVEMBER 29 CONVERSATION WITH ME AS THOSE OF GUYANA AND GUATEMALA AND STATED THAT ALLEYNE HAD CLOSE PERSONAL TIES WITH GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER FRED WILLS, WHOM HE HAD KNOWN SINCE THEY WERE BOTH LIVING IN TANZANIA AND HAD AT ONE TIME EMPLOYED AS LEGAL COUNSEL.

3. I REMARKED THAT IT SEEMED PECULIAR THE GOVTS OF GUATEMALA AND GUYANA SHOULD BE INVOLVED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN A PLOT ENGINEERED BY SYDNEY ALLEYNE, SINCE WHETHER, AS SOME THOUGHT, HE WAS A RADICAL, OR, AS OTHERS THOUGHT, A CONSERVATIVE, THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES OF THE TWO GOVTS APPEARED TO BE IN OPPOSITION. FORDE REPLIED, THAT THE GUATEMALANS WERE, IN EFFECT, TAKING THEIR REVENGE FOR THE FORMER BARBADIAN GOVT'S STRONG ESPOUSAL OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE, WHILE THE GUYANESE HAD "OTHER MOTIVES." IN ANY EVENT, HE ADDED, ALLEYNE WAS SO LACKING IN SCRUPLES, "HE COULD BE A DOUBLE -- EVEN A TRIPLE AGENT." SIMMS UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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